

# Rap Sheet



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## Have you ever met a person who is so inspirational you feel somehow changed for the better just by having met them? That person for this writer is NHP Trooper Bobby Kintzel. It is a daunting challenge to be true to his experience and try to give the reader an accurate writing a newsletter article.

# NHP's Miracle Story

On April 21, 2000, while he was in an attempt to stop a fleeing ex-felon in a stolen SUV, Trooper Kintzel was hit full force by the vehicle at approximately 90 miles per hour. Officers at the scene said the impact was so strong it flipped Trooper Kintzel 15 feet into the air.

Kintzel sustained numerous and significant injuries to his chest, abdomen and pelvis. Doctors felt there was little or no hope for his survival. As a result, everyone in the NHP and Kintzel families anticipated the worst, with some traveling to Las Vegas in preparation for a funeral.

Fast forward to October 31, 2002. Trooper Kintzel confidently walks into the Public Information Office at the NHP in Las Vegas with his wife Dawn. He captivated audience listens as with one of the positive aspects being that he remembers nothing about the assault. When asked how anyone could survive such a devastating crash and not converse with his fellow Troopers, he replies, "I'm a Marine. I wasn't given the instructions to die."



Trooper Bobby Kintzel — a happy man with a zest for life.

picture of the kind of person he is by But here goes....

was putting a strip of spikes across US fleeing ex-felon in a stolen SUV, Trooper this person at approximately 90 miles per said the impact was so strong it flipped one of the nearby NHP patrol vehicles.

fractures, internal bleeding, brain trauma chest, abdomen and pelvis. Doctors felt for his survival. As a result, everyone in anticipated the worst, with some preparation for a funeral.

31, 2002. Trooper Kintzel confidently Information Office at the NHP in Las uses a cane and walks with a slight limp. A he shares the journey of his recovery, aspects being that he remembers nothing asked how anyone could survive such a only survive, but today walk around and Troopers, he replies, "I'm a Marine. I

Serving in the Marine Corp from 1989-92, Kintzel was deployed to Desert Storm where he worked as a Combat Engineer. He says what he learned in the Marine Corp and his work as a Trooper are the biggest factors in his ability to progress in a situation where many people might have died. "I am a Trooper with the Nevada Highway Patrol and I will always be a Trooper," he said. "I certainly recognize my limitations, but I feel I still have so much to contribute. I want to be a counselor and work with our fatal teams to help the victims of crashes. I also believe I can help teach kids to stay away from drugs and alcohol and show them how so many times a vehicle is used as a weapon."

Trooper Kintzel would like to see Legislation which would protect police officers hurt in the line of duty. "I believe there is something really wrong when you have to ask a fellow officer for donations of leave. And, I spoke with Gov. Kenny Guinn about it," he said. "I consider him a friend and he has been a great support these past months. Perhaps, one day a law can be passed to take care of peace officers who have given such a sacrifice."

When asked how he feels about the person who ran him down he says, "Some day I will have the opportunity to look him right in the eye and show him I survived. I cannot change the past, but I sure know now I have complete control over my future. I can always do better and I feel like I can still make a difference working in law enforcement." The felon is currently facing one attempted

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On January 6, two troopers (Chuck Hopps and Terry Houston) responded to a stolen vehicle traveling west on Tropicana. Troopers stopped this vehicle at Tropicana and Arville. According to troopers, the driver was wearing a fanny pack with a loaded firearm and counterfeit badge. A search revealed over \$6,000 in cash and forged checks in the amount of \$205,000 inside the vehicle. The subject was taken into custody by NHP and interviewed by Investigation Division officers. Through this investigation it was determined the subject had stolen 2 ID cards. Using one of the ID cards the subject purchased the vehicle and used both IDs to write forged checks.



Trooper Hopps talks with reporters about the arrest.



### He may be old enough, but is he smart enough?

In another example of brilliance, a young man holding up a liquor store asked for a bottle of Scotch to go along with the cash. The salesclerk refused, saying he didn't believe the robber was of legal age. The man dutifully offered his valid driver's license proving he was over 21, and left with the hooch. The clerk then called the police and rattled off the robber's name and address, which he had memorized. It's unlikely the robber had time to enjoy the Scotch. —Adapted from *The Stupid Crook Book* by Leland Gregory

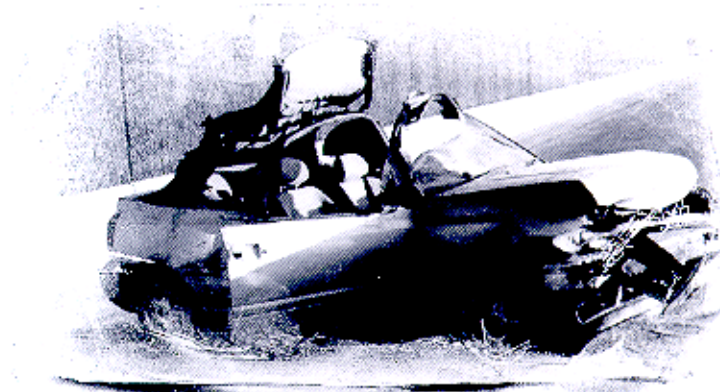
On November 22, at about 0207 hours, Trooper Eric Thatcher responded to Sahara Avenue at I 15 in Las Vegas to investigate crash # L 2002-010000. This was the ten thousandth crash investigated by the Highway Patrol Southern Command in the year 2002. For comparison, in 2001, the Southern Command did not reach 10,000 crashes until the middle of December, and in 2000, we did not reach 10,000 crashes at all. These crashes were handled on top of the thousands of incidents, motorist assists, enforcement stops and arrests conducted by the Southern Command Troopers.

On that date there were 85 Troopers working in traffic enforcement in the Southern Command, counting the 54 Troopers in urban Las Vegas, the 25 Troopers in rural spots, and the 6 Troopers on Field Training status. They were trying to do the work of 113 assigned Trooper spots while 28 vacancies were being held.

Of the 10,000 crashes at that point in the year, 92 crashes were investigated by the Crash Investigation Detail, which is responsible for all fatal crashes, crashes that involve felony prosecution and crashes of a high profile nature. The Crash Investigation Detail had five full time and three satellite investigators assigned on 11/22/02.

The Commercial Enforcement section of the Southern Command is assigned 26 Troopers, but only had 57% of their spots filled, or 15 Troopers. In spite of this, they met all of their set goals for fiscal 2001-2002.

As we reach another milestone, we are reminded again of the astounding growth in southern Nevada and the efforts of our Troopers to meet the needs of the public. Great job, we're all proud of you.



2003 was off to a roaring start with this accident in the south.



**T**he Office of Traffic Safety hosted a Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Technician course at their Stewart facilities in September 2002. Upon completion, this course certified participants (through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, NHTSA) to oversee child seat checkpoints, make appointments for seat checks, and teach others who want to obtain certification through the Nevada 12-hour Inspector Course. Participants included representatives from Washoe County



Sheriff's Office, Carson City Fire Department, Nevada Highway Patrol, Humboldt County Sheriff's Office, REMSA's Point of Impact Program, Mineral County Fire Department, Fallon Police Department, North Tahoe Fire District, and Family-to-Family Resource Centers from Hawthorne, Las Vegas and Elko. All students successfully completed the course, which included 32 hours of intense lecture and hands-on instruction, along with active participation at a child seat checkpoint held at the Carson Valley Super WalMart on October 5.

If you are interested in learning more about child passenger safety, training, or seat check events, please contact Traci Filippi at OTS (775)687-5720 or [tfilippi@dps.state.nv.us](mailto:tfilippi@dps.state.nv.us).



**T**he Office of Criminal Justice Assistance welcomes Carla Wilson and Mike Lambrecht. Carla and Mike are working hard to establish the Falcon's Nest Program (the 1122 and 1033 equipment acquisition programs.) Carla has 18 years of state service and came to DPS from DETR (Unemployment Division) and

Mike left the Secretary of State's office to become a part of the program. Both Carla and Mike have a background in equipment purchasing and feel very positive about the opportunities the program offers to state and local law enforcement agencies. For more information call Carla (684-8077) or Mike (687-4170).



**"What is the hardest task in the world? To think."**

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

It is so easy to be less than who we are, to pass judgment, to gossip, or to be mean. Instead, take the time to think about how your words and actions will affect others. Take the time to understand and to be compassionate. Take the time to think about the kind of person you are being. In other words, what are you really saying about yourself, about your fears and insecurities, with your negative behavior? Take the time to be your best self.



**A** big thank you goes out to Nevada Highway Patrol Trooper Roy Hutchings who took the initiative to design the new patch currently worn on the "also new" NHP uniform recently unveiled at Headquarters.

Trooper Hutchings sketched the design and provided his idea to NHP Sergeant Alessandra. They took the next step and checked with the Nevada Legislature records to confirm that the exact colors representing the State Seal and the Silver State were used. After a prototype patch was produced and presented to Director Kirkland, it was approved! All Divisions of the Department will now wear the new patch with the name of the Division displayed on the banner at the bottom.

Trooper H will be deployed to the Iraq conflict along with his fellow Marine reservists on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Stay safe and thanks for your great patch design!







# A View from the Front

Sandy Mazy, Office of Criminal Justice Assistance, provided us with this photo of her granddaughter, Anna Mazy (far left in below photo) loading missiles on the USS Roosevelt Aircraft Carrier on the way to the Gulf. Thanks to Anna for serving her country and doing her part to keep America safe.



Trooper James Olschlager submitted this photo from his son, James Olschlager, Jr. This is the flight deck of the Tarawa on their way to the Gulf. The Tarawa transports US Marine battle groups and is capable of launching helicopters and AV-8 Harriers. The web site for the Tarawa is [www.tarawa.navy.mil/tarawa's\\_mission.htm](http://www.tarawa.navy.mil/tarawa's_mission.htm). Jim's daughter, Laurie, is also enlisted, stationed in Pusan, Korea where she works in the ammunition issue section. She returns to Ft. Lewis next month when she will be deployed.



We have many state employees who either have been activated or have family members who have. We are anxious to have them all come home safe. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Congratulations are in order for the meth lab bust headed up by Southern Nevada Parole & Probation Officer Robert Raymond. In a December Letter of Commendation by then Chief Warren Lutzow, to Officer Raymond, the Chief praises his police work, "It is truly a pleasure to commend you for your professionalism in this matter. It is obvious that you utilized your previous law enforcement experience as well as your experience with this Division to pursue a single comment that eventually led to the arrest of the perpetrators."

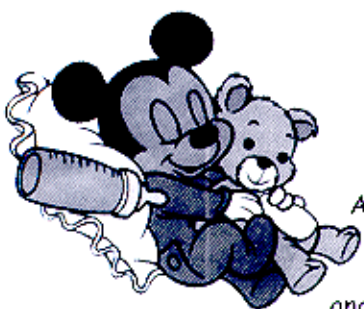
Robert and members of the SCORPION drug task force found all the makings of an operational meth lab at a residence on Quebec Street in Pahrump. After testing positive for meth and other substances three ex-felons at the residence were arrested and transported to the local detention center and charged with methamphetamine manufacturing. Good job Officer Raymond!

Terry Callison says goodbye to Winnemucca and heads for Carson City to supervise the Special Investigations Unit of the Investigations Division and the Departmental Pre-Employment Background Investigation Team. (left to right: Jimmie Mercado, Lee Reynolds, Andy Raser, Terri Callison and Jason Franklin.)





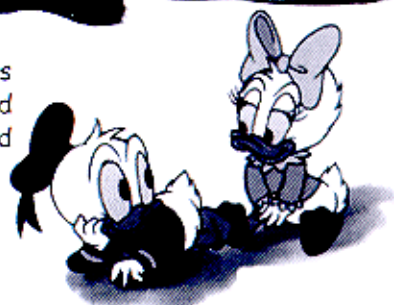
# Our Babies



Amy Douglas from the Central Parole and Probation Office loves to show off her holiday photos of Caedron Sage (1 1/2) and Zaria Jaydon (3), and, looking at these photos, we can understand why. The children's grandma is Katie Bregg who also works at the Central P&P Office.



Kinsley Darlene Daggett was born March 31, 2002, Easter Sunday. She weighed 9 lbs 6 oz and was 19" long. Kinsley's mom and dad recently moved to Carson City so she can spend more time getting to know her Nana Wilson (known to the rest of us as Carla Wilson.) Carla is the newest employee at the Office of Criminal Justice Assistance in the Falcon's Nest Program.



Cameron Rice, son of Ken and Christina Rice, Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Investigations Division, came into the world on December 10, 2002, weighing 5 lbs 9 oz, 18 3/4" long. Cameron's grandparents are also employees with the state, Loretta with Budget and Bruce with NDOT.



Dean and Melisa Reynolds were blessed when Nathan Jeffrey Reynolds arrived on December 4, 2002. He weighed 7 lbs 13 oz and was 21" in length. Dean is a Trooper with NHP assigned to headquarters and Melisa works for DOT. Grandma Wilson is retired from Purchasing and Grandpa Reynolds works for B&G. Melisa's parents, Mr. & Mrs. Kreck, are also Carsonites.



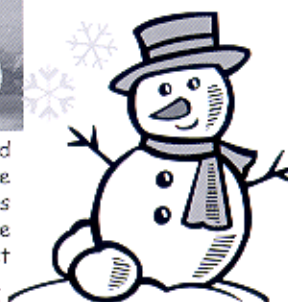
Chuck Raymond (Northern Nevada Corrections Center) and Kim Meyers (Fire Marshal's Office) welcomed Sarah Lauraire Raymond into the world on April 23, 2002. Little Sarah weighed 6 lbs 10 oz and was 18 3/4" long. Grandparents Butch & Glenda Gamble work at Nevada State Prison as does her uncle, Sean LaGier. Aunt Tennille LaGier works at OTS. Great Aunt Linda Gillespie works at NHP headquarters and cousin Tracy Gillespie is employed in the Secretary of State's Office.







With the assistance of K-Mart, Wal-Mart and Target, Capitol Police purchased 21 bikes and Office of Traffic Safety provided helmets for the "Bikes for Tykes" project in December. From left: Steve Mitchell (Toys for Joy), Jerry Rasmussen (Project Santa- Salvation Army), Officers Randy Smith, Chuck Brummer, Jay Logue, Mike Petti, Brad Valladon and Ken Hewlett.



December 13, 2002, was the last day at P&P for Officer Nick Gillen who retired after 25 years of state service. Congratulations!



On November 1, 2002, Commercial Enforcement Trooper Dave McNeil said goodbye at the Las Vegas NHP Office. Dave was medically retired after 13 years of service.



Sgt. Phillip Dart presents Administrative Assistant Starr Anderson with a Certificate of Appreciation for her outstanding efforts in the American Heart Association's HeartWalk Program 2002 fund raiser.



Daryl Riersgard, Chief of Criminal History Repository, presents "Employee of the Year" award to Mindy McKay at the annual holiday potluck luncheon in December 2002. Mindy has done an outstanding job for the division and excited to be honored with the award.



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Certificates of Appreciation from Governor Guinn were presented to P&P JOIN Golden Opportunities Program participants in December 2002. They have been a tremendous asset to P&P. Back left: Darla Perry, Martin Stepina, Nora McGinley, Michelle Hamilton, Denise Uber. Front left: Pat Craig, Marta Marsh, Carolyn Grey, Angie Clark and James Hunter.



NHP said goodbye to Trooper Ken Gager who retired after 20 years of state service. Trooper Gager was seriously injured by a letter bomb received at his residence on September 8, 1993. We wish him all the best.







At a "Command Transition Ceremony" the Tonopah District is transferred from southern to central command. The district was presented a unit commendation by Major Phil Tilt and introduced to their new commander Major Bradley in October 2002.



Det. Sgt. P.K. O'Neill was honored by the Nevada Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Academy Class VI as their "Outstanding Instructor" on November 22, 2002. He has taught Interview and Interrogation at both the DPS and POST Basic Academies. PK was deeply honored by the recognition as it was the class' decision. Currently PK is assigned to Investigations Division headquarters as the Support Services Unit Supervisor.



"I just wanted to let you know that I love my job," writes

Lesley Jacobson. Lesley is an Administrative Assistant I with the Court Services Division of Parole and Probation.

"For the most part I type Pre-sentence Investigation Reports, backup for After Court Depositions, do relief switchboard, court runs and PD runs, and some other jobs too." (Whew! She's busy!) Lesley has been with P&P for two years. She does admit there are some parts of her job she could do without, but for the most part really enjoys what she does. Her favorite part is typing Pre-sentence Investigation Reports. "It's like reading a book. . . sometimes funny, sad, horrifying, tragic and all those emotions, but hardly ever boring." Thanks, Lesley, for telling us a little about where you work. There are a lot of interesting jobs at DPS which most of us know nothing about. Life is good when you like to get up and go to work everyday.



Parole and Probation Employees Work and Play Together. The "Relic's + One" Volleyball team started their season in December 2002 and will wrap up the end of February. Marsha Tecca and Melissa Stone are the team's "secret weapons!" Marsha played with the U.S. Marines and Melissa Stone played for Carson High School in 1998. The team has a lot of fun and enjoys being around co-workers in a different environment other than work. Top, right to left: Rhonda Pendergraft, Karen White, Denise Gazell, Renee Tierney, Marsha Tecca, Melissa Stone. (not pictured) Patty DeRosa.







Officer Joe desperately needed  
Recreational Traffic Control School



**We're on the Web**  
[www.ps.state.nv.us](http://www.ps.state.nv.us)

**D**irector Kirkland is home for several weeks recuperating from knee surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery. In the meantime, we decided we should go ahead and get the *Rap Sheet* printed and distributed to the employees. We look forward to the return of the Director's column in the Spring edition of the *Rap Sheet*.



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murder charge for the assault on Kintzel and another murder charge in connection with the death of a prostitute that occurred the morning of the day of the Kintzel incident. The case is currently continued as the court determines the validity of the felon's insanity defense.

If you are interested in finding out more about Trooper Kintzel's continuing remarkable recovery, go to his web site at [www.caringbridge.com/nv/bobby/index.htm](http://www.caringbridge.com/nv/bobby/index.htm). And, if you are interested in volunteering sick leave to his fund, contact Rich Gilbert at 775-684-4698.

**Update:** As we go to press with this issue of the *Rap Sheet*, we are proud to announce that Trooper Kintzel just retested to get his drivers license and passed! Congratulations, Bobby!

"The hardest thing in the world to understand is income tax."

- Albert Einstein

**A** special thank you to all who were a part of the recent "Amber Alert" for Nicole Timmons. Thanks to the quick thinking of DPS personnel, Nicole was returned safely to her family. Everyone involved did a tremendous job. It makes all the hard work worthwhile when a child is saved.

Several employees emailed and asked why we were printing the *Rap Sheet* on a glossy stock paper with two colors instead of offering it on line. We believe more people will actually read it if distributed to them via mail. And navigating an 8 page publication on line can be cumbersome and time consuming. Finally, the Director's Office Budget has an allocation for the "Rap Sheet" production that cannot be used for anything else. So, the editors hope this helps explain our decision to continue to publish the *Rap Sheet*.

**O**n January 11, 2003, DPS lost a friend. Wanda Heathman, 68, of Elko passed away. Wanda was raised in the Gardnerville area and graduated from Douglas County High School in 1952. She moved to the Wells area in the 1960s and was hired by NHP as a dispatcher in 1968.

She received her award in 1998 at a honor. She was also "Dispatcher of the year" when the major Nevada roads were two lanes and the speed limit was proper. Wanda was knowledge for all with her. She knew nicknames of throughout the state. The transition from typewriters to computers...never things used to be. Wanda was dedicated, caring and came into contact with her. She will be greatly missed by NHP and especially her "second family" in the Elko office.

### In Loving Memory



30-year service barbecue in her award month. Wanda dispatcher for NHP roads through lane highways and "prudent" and a fountain of those who worked people, places and landmarks state. She made manual typewriters forgetting "how Wanda was a person to all who

came into contact with her. She will be greatly missed by NHP and especially her "second family" in the Elko office.

*This newsletter belongs to you and we need your help to provide the information you most want to hear. All suggestions are gratefully accepted.*  
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